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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 09:14:02 CDT  
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 2707

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- 2) cut power cords on old gear  
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by Bob Roehrig <broehrig@admin.aurora.edu>
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- 18) Re: Elmers and Helpers etc.

by lurch <lurch@theramp.net>  
19) Re: Elmers and Helpers etc.  
by Jderm740@aol.com  
20) Cutting off power cords  
by "Andrew Emmerson" <midshires@cix.co.uk>  
21) Re: [BoatAnchors] GPR-90  
by Paul Bernhardt <bern@ppdu.nrl.navy.mil>

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From: "Lane Zeitler Ku7i" <zeitler@attglobal.net>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Need a pair of sockets and chimeys for 8877s  
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 17:21:05 -0700  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Looking to buy two sockets and two chimneys for the 8877.

Lane  
Ku7i  
San Diego

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Message-Id: <199910210132.VAA13407@hat-trick.atl.org>  
From: "Bob Duckworth" <wb4mnf@atl.org>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: cut power cords on old gear  
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 21:26:18 +0100

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: cut power cords on old gear  
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.96.991020203510.20862A-100000@admin.aurora.edu>  
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A lot of the older equipment had cords with rubber insulation that turned brittle and cracked and/or flaked off with heat/age. I suppose that way whoever got the unit next would be forced to install a safe cord.

"Nostalgia is a thing of the past"

E-mail: broehrig@admin.aurora.edu or k9eui@arrl.net 73 de Bob, K9EUI  
CIS: Data / Telecom Aurora University, Aurora, IL  
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From: "Ed Sieb" <sieb@sympatico.ca>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: RE: cut power cords on old gear  
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 21:53:25 -0400  
Message-ID: <LOBBJHOL00HLIPLONIAFEEDHCBAA.sieb@sympatico.ca>  
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The equipment you describe was most likely in commercial, industrial, or professional use. When declared unserviceable, such gear usually gets the power cord chopped to prevent the item from being inadvertently placed back into service.

Ed  
VA3ES

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Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991020193017.007e2ea0@pop.igc.org>  
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 19:30:17 -0700  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>  
Subject: Re: [BoatAnchors] GPR-90  
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Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 22:34:25 -0400 (EDT)  
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Who needed that little Collins transformer?  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.991020223251.16295G-100000@osfn.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Would the person that was interested in that little Collins/military audio transformer please contact me? I've lost your note.

William Donzelli  
aw288@osfn.org

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Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 22:41:30 -0400 (EDT)  
From: William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: FS: 1L6  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.991020223430.16295H@osfn.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I have a a used but tested good (on a TV-7B/U) 1L6 tube for sale. The manufacturer is not clear to me, as the ink got smudged (who was the guy that told the tubemakers to use waterbased inks on minis anyway?).

I am asking \$15 (includes US shipping).

William Donzelli  
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Message-ID: <002701bf1b6f\$1048f5c0\$1a865aa5@raccoon.com>  
From: "Jim Zellmer" <zellmer@raccoon.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Mods for Hallicrafters FPM-300  
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 21:50:40 -0500  
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I was going through a manual for a FPM-300 and found an old copy of a list of mods for the FPM-300. The list originated from a letter a communications engineer who worked at the Hallicrafters Commercial Products Division.

The list reads as follows;

"Here are mods I fell worth putting into the FPM-300, in order of their importance.

1. ALC

On the bottom of pre-selector board add parallel resistors to R518 and R616. Shunt R518 with a 8.2K  $\Omega$  watt and R516 with a 22K  $\Omega$  watt.

2. HUM

a. Make up a shield between the VFO and PS boards. Cement a piece of aluminum foil to underside of fiber spacer. Make aluminum to cover just inside screw holes. Do not attempt to ground the foil, it is just a static shield to isolate the switching transistors from the audio circuits.

b. Solder in on back of VFO board a 15 pf (disc or mica) between the base of Q407 and the junction of R442 and R441. Trace board wiring and use spot closest to Q407.

c. Change C437 from 0.1 to .01 mfd.

d. Open up on end of C432 and put 4.7K  $\Omega$  watt resistor in series. (This is optional, I don't always do it).

### 3. INTERMITTANT BAND SWITCHES

I solder in short #24 bare wire jumpers on the bottom of the preselector board to join the front and rear lands of the switch wafers. This is tricky so be careful or you can mess up the works. (14 jumpers on preselector board)

The same can be done on VFO board switches, but these do not usually cause trouble.

### 4. AGC

A faster time constant can be obtained by shunting R511 with 10K  $\Omega$  watt. The same applies to R204. This seems to smooth out the audio due to better AGC attack., ie., less overload to the detector.

### 5. MISC

Locate nuts on spade lugs used to attach PA cage to chassis. Invariably these are loose and should be tightened. If dial drags on panel, bend back chassis lip or add shims under top edge of spacers. If VFO is jumpy, clean all wipers on drive and capacitors. In addition, clean gear teeth with some cleaner. I use a TV combination cleaner/lube called "Blue Stuff" by Tech Spray.

### 6. ADDENDUM to 2A.

In 2A it is recommended that the aluminum foil be covered with a piece of card material cemented in place. The use of Glass tape (3M) can also be used to insulate the file."

The engineer closes his letter with these comments,  
"These little rigs can really do a fine job when set up properly. Very few ever got out of the factory quite right."

I hope that some of you folks with FPM-300s find this list of interest. As with any modifications, use these at your own risk.

73,

Jim Zellmer, KA0VSL

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Message-ID: <010b01bf1b6f\$475473a0\$21e84118@cgra1.ab.wave.home.com>

From: "Walt Novinger" <wnovinger@home.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: [BoatAnchors] GPR-90

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 20:52:09 -0600

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Message-ID: <000301bf1b47\$0dae06c0\$3266e7d0@sandy-s-pentium>  
From: "Sandy Blaize" <ebjr@i-55.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Excess: QST, CQ, Ham Radio, 73...

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 19:52:38 -0000  
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Excess magazines (above and beyond what I need) for trade or  
sale.  
Interested parties send e-mail to me direct.

73,  
Sandy W5TVW

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Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1999 23:55:53 -0400 (EDT)  
From: William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: 1L6 gone!  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.991020235513.16295L-1000000@osfn.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Fast...

William Donzelli  
aw288@osfn.org

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From: Jderm740@aol.com  
Message-ID: <0.3c900616.253febb2@aol.com>  
Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 00:08:18 EDT  
Subject: Re: Elmers and Helpers etc.  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
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Hi All

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Marty, Keep up the good work. The same to any others that are doing the same.

Jack Jderm740@aol.com

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 00:47:44 -0400 (EDT)  
From: William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: FS: RCA 6LF6  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.991021004512.16295P@osfn.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Trying to move out more stuff...

Anyway, does anyone here need a nice, new-in-box RCA 6LF6? The sweep tube looks like it ought to be good for some rig.

I'll take offers, and no, I am not asking the \$40 that the dealers ask for...

William Donzelli  
aw288@osfn.org

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Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991021011710.008207e0@proaxis.com>  
Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 01:17:10 -0700  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: Hue Miller <kargokult@proaxis.com>  
Subject: Re: My Visit To Fair Radio - A Report  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 01:45 PM 10/20/99 -0700, Tom R. Rice wrote:

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>> Phil's easy hospitality is in stark contrast to the typical surplus store  
>> proprietor of old who seemed to have been pissed off continuously since  
1957.

--That was never my experience. The ones i dealt with liked the gear, or,  
even if they knew very little about it, except what they were told, liked  
the horsetrading atmosphere of the business.

Hue Miller

whose hat is off to the memory of Pacific Electronics, 1st Avenue

(ex skid road), Seattle. Even the building is now gone.

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Message-ID: <380EE347.16AD@worldnet.att.net>  
Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 05:56:23 -0400  
From: "John Dilks, K2TQN" <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
CC: boatanchors@theporch.com  
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Bob,

I do it to keep someone (if my demise comes unexpectedly) from trying the radio to see if it works. Also, as a reminder to me, it's not restored or checked out yet. I think it lessens the liability if I sell one, and a stupid person plugs it in and gets a shock.

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73' John Dilks, K2TQN

Webmaster for "Page 2" all about Antique Wireless  
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/awa/>

--and--

for the New Jersey Antique Radio Club  
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/>

Please visit my OldRadio Museum  
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/museum/>

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Message-ID: <380EE88B.3CE@worldnet.att.net>  
Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 06:18:51 -0400  
From: "John Dilks, K2TQN" <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

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Jack and all,

In days gone by, you would have found help almost anywhere. Today -- it's a different story. Many families have two wage earners, some with two jobs each. Then there is little-league football, basketball, socker, hocky, etc, etc, (you get the picture.) Everybody is busy. And don't forget television - where the viewer is trained to accept information in three minute segments. And instant gratification. So a ten-week course in ham radio too much for many to handle for many.

Ham clubs have classes, run by volunteers. Many of these club members are only no-code techs, so this is the level they operate and think on.

Back in 1956 (I was in High School then.) I learned on my own - with ARRL books. You can do this too, even though you are lo-o-o-o-ng past high school age. You might try to find an "Elmer", a local ham, to mentor you. Also try <http://www.qrz.com> They have computer programs to help you learn.

Keep trying and keep looking, it's worth it.

--See you on the air.  
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Hello all,

."They just don't have any skirts. They are as wide as a barn door" and  
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receiver with  
any filter that is not aligned.

I just compared the selectivity curves of the SP-600 to the curves of the  
GPR-90 and they're very similar at the 6 dB points. At 40 dB down SOME  
selectivity positions on the GPR-90 are about 15% wider than the SP-600.  
However, the audio peak at approximately 1 KHz at that audio selectivity  
position peaks +5dB. Essentially, the CW reception is very similar in  
practice on both receivers at maximum selectivity and the audio selectivity  
on the GPR-90 helps greatly under certain conditions. I find both receivers  
equally sensitive. Of course the flywheel tuning is nicer on the SP-600 but  
the ham band bandspread makes the GPR-90 better suited for amateur work.

One of my SP-600's when I got it had really lousy selectivity. When  
realigning it, I found that the crystal frequency in the filter, due to  
aging moved enough, that it was not tuneable to the peak or center of the IF  
passband. After I found the resonant frequency of the crystal, I realigned  
the IF transformers for that frequency, compensated for the shift by  
realigning the band edges of the variable oscillator/RF/mixer stages and  
retuned the BFO for the new IF frequency. I ran tests on the selectivity  
after realignment and found the skirts back to specs.

>From that time on, every receiver I work on that has a crystal filter, goes  
through the same procedure and the selectivity is as good as new.

I bet many GPR-90's as well as other receivers that are not up to specs in

the selectivity department, are not aligned properly whether due to the crystal frequency shift or just other component aging..

Fortunately, in my previous professional life as an RF design engineer I had access to some good test equipment... I'm gathering some goodies on my workbench at home, so I can do some decent work on my receivers.

73, Meir WF2U

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From: owner-boatanchors@theporch.com [mailto:owner-boatanchors@theporch.com]  
On Behalf Of Walt Novinger  
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 1999 10:52 PM  
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That's how I got my ticket back in '79 at the age of 17--an old heath code practice oscillator, a reel-to-reel tape recorder [one of the no-pinch-roller, speed-varies w/position on tape cheapies], 3 ARRL Handbooks and a 50's-era copy of Learning The Radiotelegraph Code. I had to find a friend of a friend of a friend to refer me to a friend of a friend of a friend of his who would administer the novice exam. Subsequent exams were taken at the FCC Dungeon-Of-Doom on Dearborn Street in Chicago...5 times in 17 months [Tech, General, Advanced, Extra, Commercial]. To build my code speed I accepted positions as NCS and/or Region Net Liaison 4 nights a week in ARRL NTS [the imminent passing of which will be, for me, the most mournable part of the changes Amateur Radio is going through]. When I got my extra, I became a VE. I gave the CW exams for Great Lakes VEC. That lasted until the No-Code license...at which point I had outlived my usefulness as a VE--I walked away from the whole mess, mothballed the rigs, built a Harley, hit the road, and been there ever since...

73 de ka9egw

"John Dilks, K2TQN" wrote:

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> Jack and all,  
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> In days gone by, you would have found help almost anywhere. Today --  
> it's a different story. Many families have two wage earners, some with  
> two jobs each. Then there is little-league football, basketball,  
> soccer, hockey, etc, etc, (you get the picture.) Everybody is busy. And

> don't forget television - where the viewer is trained to accept  
> information in three minute segments. And instant gratification. So a  
> ten-week course in ham radio too much for many to handle for many.  
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> Ham clubs have classes, run by volunteers. Many of these club members  
> are only no-code techs, so this is the level they operate and think on.  
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> Back in 1956 (I was in High School then.) I learned on my own - with  
> ARRL books. You can do this too, even though you are lo-o-o-o-ng past  
> high school age. You might try to find an "Elmer", a local ham, to  
> mentor you. Also try <http://www.qrz.com> They have computer programs to  
> help you learn.  
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> Keep trying and keep looking, it's worth it.  
>  
> --See you on the air.  
> 73' John Dilks, K2TQN  
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> Jderm740@aol.com wrote:  
> >  
> > Hi All  
> >  
> > In 2705 I read where Marty is helping younguns and oldsters to get licensed.  
> > I wish there were people around here that would do that. I used the leagues  
> > website to locate clubs in Ct. I selected those within 20 miles radius and  
> > started making calls. Not a one has any training program even though they  
> > are listed as helping newcomers get started. No code programs. No license  
> > training programs. All they want to offer is Tech plus No-code so you can get  
> > on 2 meter repeater and sound like CB in FM. As soon as you tell them that  
> > your interests are Boatanchors they freeze in mid speech. There is not a  
> > soldering iron in Fairfield County. They are all appliance operators. It  
> > sneezes it gets sent back to Japan. These clubs don't even know what the  
> > other clubs are doing. I thought this was a communication hobby. They don't  
> > communicate. Not even by radio except by accident. And then I think they  
> > mumble their calls so no one will find them out.  
> >  
> > Marty, Keep up the good work. The same to any others that are doing the same.  
> >  
> > Jack Jderm740@aol.com  
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"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that  
whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting  
life."-1 John 3:16

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From: Jderm740@aol.com  
Message-ID: <0.d6d24ffa.25407275@aol.com>  
Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 09:43:17 EDT  
Subject: Re: Elmers and Helpers etc.  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

John and all

In your first paragraph you're empowering these people. If they are that busy, why are they involved in this hobby? It's if they are pleased to wear "the emblem" of , I'm a "Ham". Like some of the people who get involved in Civil Defense or other Public Awareness group long enough to get an emblem for their car or their jacket and then are never found when they wre needed.

When it comes to going solo, I have a severe problem. To me code is a foriegn language which should be learned in a dialog setteing. My late wife was an english teacher teaching Adult courses to people, who for whatever reason, never got their High School Diploma but, down the hall were teachers who taught ESL (English as a Second Language) so that these students could go on to people like my wife. Those classes were conducted in a dialog environment with conversation between the teacher and between the students, in english, and not slipping back into their native language except if absolutely necessary. I only knew one person who learned a language solo. My uncle. Back in the 30s he bought a Berlitz setup and drove us nuts with the german, but by the time WW2 came along he was fluent in german. Came in handy. I'll look up the source you mentioned and maybe it will help. But the main thrust of my post was about the lack of help from these people who profess to follow the Commandments as put forth by the Amature's Creed. PS. At 70 I'm very frustrated in this area.

Jack

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Message-ID: <024a01bf1bcc\$500ef8a0\$1e1899c2@oemcomputer>  
From: "Andrew Emmerson" <midshires@cix.co.uk>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Cutting offs power cords  
Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 14:19:17 +0100  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yes, it's standard practice over here in G-land to limit legal liability



when someone plugs it straight in and it blows up in their face, then sues the vendor. By cutting off the cord or plug, you are demonstrating that the device is not fit for use as it stands and forcing the new owner to have it examined/treated by an electrician.

73, Andy G8PTH

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 10:13:43 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Paul Bernhardt <bern@ppdu.nrl.navy.mil>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: [BoatAnchors] GPR-90  
Message-Id: <Pine.A32.4.03.9910211006230.28720-1000000@ppdu.nrl.navy.mil>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I recently acquired a GPR-91RXD without the SSB adaptor. It works ok on AM and CW. The crystal filters don't seem to have much effect on selectivity. I would like to get an MSR-4 or MSR-5 or GSB-1 SSB adaptor.

Cheers, Paul Bernhardt

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On Wed, 20 Oct 1999, Dick Dillman wrote:

> At 08:30 PM 10/20/99 -0500, you wrote:  
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> > Bob was right. All show, no go.  
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> I've been following the GPR-90 discussion from various motel rooms. I  
> myself have a GPR-90RX in excellent condition that came with a CV-591A  
> sideband converter. I got the radio because of its excellent looks and  
> TMC's reputation. But I must say after using it on the air that I agree  
> with the above.  
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> Vy 73,  
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> Dick/"RD"  
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> On Foreign Assignment In: Buffalo, NY  
>  
> Dick Dillman, W6AWO  
> Chief Operator at K6KPH of the Maritime Radio Historical Society  
> Collector of Heavy Metal:  
> Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.  
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